## Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.) Agricultural Marketing Service

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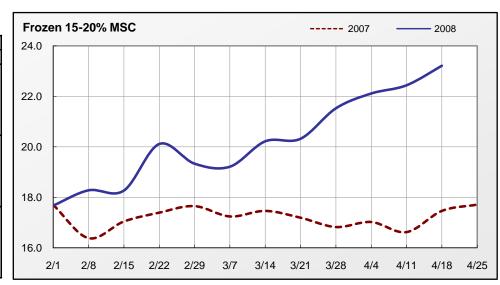
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

The MSC trade sentiment was mostly steady, instances fully steady. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily with the balance close and well cleared. Frozen demand was moderate to good. Supplies of raw materials continue tight and held with confidence with good demand from all users. Domestic movement was moderate to fairly good with good call into pet food channels. Export demand was moderate to good with most inquiry from Mexico and Central American countries. Schedules were mixed, ranging light to normal due to tight supplies of raw materials and decreased finished product production.

## Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

	Frozen			Fresh			
Fat Content	18-Apr-08	Last Week	Last Year	18-Apr-08	Last Week	Last Year	
15% or Less							
Price Range	17.00	22.00	17.00	19.00 - 24.00	21.00 - 22.00	16.00-17.00	
Wtd Avg Price	17.00	22.00	17.00	22.50	21.56	16.37	
Volume Traded	53	54	259	247	181	443	
Volume Exported	53	54	259	-	-	-	
15-20%							
Price Range	18.00 - 28.00	17.00 - 26.00	15.50-21.00	15.00 - 26.00	14.00 - 24.00	11.00-16.00	
Wtd Avg Price	23.21	22.44	17.71	18.48	18.06	12.56	
Volume Traded	1,603	1,745	1,632	2,701	3,311	2,696	
Volume Exported	1,523	1,465	1,252	713	1,062	530	
20% or More							
Price Range	-	-	-	-	16.50 - 23.00	14.00	
Wtd Avg Price			-		19.10	14.00	
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	204	40	
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-	



## Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Mar 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2007
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	18.77	20.40	17.02	19.04	17.58	16.36
Volume Traded	215	584	1,583	1,010	1,566	1,932
Volume Exported	215	264	1,302	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	20.43	18.82	17.13	15.08	14.37	13.12
Volume Traded	7,601	8,143	7,161	7,548	11,547	11,788
Volume Exported	6,640	7,223	5,993	899	2,321	3,346
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	17.00	18.03	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	408	775	440
Volume Exported		-	-	-	-	-

Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.

